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REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has elected the species "O", has amended claim 5, and has added new claims 6 and 7. Accordingly claims 1-7 are now pending in the application and Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the same.

Questions regarding this application can be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

Attached is a version showing the changes made to claim 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the factor injected [with] into the spinal canal or disc is a transforming growth factor [platelet-rich plasma].